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SUBJ: CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

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1. MAJOR GENERAL GIZAW BELAYNEH, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES, TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT OPPOSITION TO THE AFCC SEEMS TO HAVE QUIETED DOWN CONSIDERABLY SINCE THE INCIDENT ON OCTOBER 7 WHEN A NUMBER OF DISSIDENT ARMY ENGINEER PERSONNEL WERE SHOT WHILE RESISTING ARREST.

2. THIS ACCORDS VERY MUCH WITH OUR OWN CONCLUSIONS. THE EVENTS OF OCTOBER 7 DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY THAT THE AFCC, DESPITE ITS MUCH ADVERTISED DESIRE TO AVOID BLOODSHED, WOULD NOT FAIL TO FIRE IF FACED WITH A REAL CONFRONTATION. THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A NOTICE-ABLE DECREASE IN ACTIVE OPPOSITION SINCE THAT TIME FROM MILITARY UNITS, THE STUDENTS AND LABOR UNIONS. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THOSE WHO STRONGLY OPPOSE
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THE AFCC AND ITS POLICIES ARE IN NO MOOD AT PRESENT

TO PRESS A CHALLENGE TO THE POINT OF ARMED CONFLICT.
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